

Washington, D.C. –U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement on House passage of a resolution remembering the attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001:

“Nine years ago, Tara and I woke late to my mom’s voice on the answering machine telling us to turn on the news. As we awoke from a long night of looking after our new five day old baby, Tommy Jr., at Fort Hood, Texas, I had no idea how much our lives were about to change.

“Taking the week off from my job as a Captain in the First Calvary Division JAG Corps, I tuned in just in time to see the second plane crash into the World Trade Center. I’m not sure when I actually got up from the couch again. But it seemed like weeks watching the horror non-stop.

“Like most Americans, I never saw anything like it, and I hope we never will again. But I will never forget that morning. I will never forget how afraid those passengers on the airplanes must have felt, how brave the first responders were, what the people were going through who were stuck in the buildings calling loved ones only to say goodbye forever. They were all Americans, regular people like all of us just going to work.

“Our lives will never be the same. But who we are, and what the terrorists despise, can never change – free men and women who believe, as so many before us, in liberty and the American way of life. As your Congressman, I will never forget what happened that day and will work every day to make sure that liberty is preserved.”

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